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Corps applies for IDPR grant to install toilet, purchase boat for Lucky Peak Lake recreation areas

BOISE, Idaho – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lucky Peak Dam and Lake is applying for funds from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation 2008 grant program to assist in the purchase of a patrol boat and composting toilets at Chimney Rock recreation area.

Lucky Peak staff are requesting two grants from the Waterways Improvement Fund managed by IDPR. One grant would provide a patrol boat to help the Corps of Engineers' park rangers improve visitor, boating and water safety as the primary law-enforcement/visitor assistance provider on Lucky Peak Lake. A second grant is requested to purchase and install composting toilets at Chimney Rock, providing environmentally friendly facilities in place of a 25-year-old vault-style toilet.

Questions and comments can be sent to: Lucky Peak Dam and Lake; 9723 E. Hwy 21; Boise, ID; or by calling (208) 343-0671.

Each year, IDPR awards grants from several programs for development and maintenance of recreational facilities in Idaho and to provide programs for the benefit of recreationists. IDPR approved \$7,103,440 in fiscal year 2007 recreation grants to fund needed recreation projects statewide benefiting city, county, state and federal agency recreation facilities in Idaho.

"These grants help rural Idaho upgrade and add recreation facilities for Idahoans and for visitors to our state who spend their vacation dollars here," IDPR Director Robert Meinen said in a September news release.

For more information about IDPR's recreation grant program, visit their Web site at www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.